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Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with the application papers requesting filing and immediate examination of a United States national application based on international application no. PCT/EP2004/008363, filed July 26, 2004 and claiming priority to US provisional application 60/489,643, filed July 24, 2003. Please enter the following amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

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